

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

KENNETH E MELIA,
Plaintiff,

v.

CAROLYN W. COLVIN,
Defendant.

Case No. [14-cv-03793-PJH](#)


**ORDER DIRECTING PARTIES TO
INFORM COURT WHETHER THEY
CONSENT TO MAGISTRATE JUDGE
FOR ALL PURPOSES**

In cases assigned to a district judge, the parties may consent at any time to reassignment of the case to a magistrate judge for all purposes, including entry of final judgment. See Civil L.R. 73-1(b). This option is being made available because the magistrate judges in this district have smaller civil dockets and no felony criminal cases and may be able to adjudicate this case more expeditiously than the undersigned district judge.

Accordingly, the parties are hereby DIRECTED to advise the court, no later than March 27, 2015, whether they consent to have a magistrate judge conduct all further proceedings in the instant action. Normally the parties would be directed to so inform the court in their Joint Case Management Statement filed in connection with the initial case management conference. However, because this case involves a review of an administrative record, a case management conference has not been scheduled. The parties are advised that they may jointly request assignment to a specific magistrate judge. For the parties' convenience, a consent form is attached hereto; forms are also available at <http://www.cand.uscourts.gov>, in the "Forms" section.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: March 13, 2015



PHYLLIS J. HAMILTON
United States District Judge

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In accordance with the provisions of Title 28, U.S.C. Section 636(c), the undersigned party or parties to the above-captioned civil matter hereby voluntarily consent to have a United States Magistrate Judge conduct any and all further proceedings in the case, including trial, and order the entry of a final judgment. Appeal from the judgment shall be taken directly to the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit.

Attorney for Plaintiff

Attorney for Defendant

Dated:_____